

REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

CONTEXT

In 2018, the context in Congo was marked by attempted return movements, coinciding with a period of relative calm in the east of the country. A peace deal was signed between the Ninja militia and the Government at the end of 2017.¹

People who had been displaced to Bouenza department at the peak of political violence in 2016 and 2017 started returning to Pool department, which regained some level of stability. However, very little data is available on the number of returns that have occurred throughout the year, or the number of people that are still displaced.

New displacements	Total number of IDPs	Partial or unverified solutions	
		Number of IDPs who have made partial progress towards a durable solution	Number of IDPs whose progress towards durable solutions cannot be verified
No data available	107,000 (Year figure was last updated: 2018)	No data available	No data available

This corresponds to new instances of internal displacement having occurred in 2018.

This corresponds to the total number of individuals living in internal displacement as of 31 December 2018.

This corresponds to the number of IDPs whom our data providers have identified as having returned, resettled or locally integrated in 2018 and for whom the evidence obtained by IDMC suggests that progress toward durable solutions is only partial given their living conditions. In a few instances this number may refer to movements rather than people.

This corresponds to the number of IDPs whom our data providers have identified as having returned, resettled or locally integrated in 2018 but for whom there is no available evidence to corroborate progress toward durable solutions. In a few instances this number may refer to movements rather than people.

TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPS

This corresponds to the total number of individuals living in internal displacement as of 31 December 2018.

Sources and methodologies

The Ministry for Social and Humanitarian Affairs is the main source for IDP data, which publishes its data in collaboration with OCHA. In 2016 and 2017, they conducted assessments in Pool and Bouenza departments, in collaboration with OCHA and other humanitarian actors to evaluate the number of IDPs in those areas.

Main caveats and monitoring challenges

The main challenge is a lack of data and access to it: since the signing of the peace deal in 2017, no recent evaluations have been carried out to assess the number of new displacements, attempted returns or people still displaced in Bouenza or Pool departments. Therefore, the figure published by IDMC is likely to be a significant overestimate.

IDMC figure and rationale

IDMC's estimate of the total number of IDPs is 107,000 IDPs as of 31 August 2018. This figure was provided to OCHA by the Ministry of Social and Humanitarian Affairs. However, very little information has been provided as to how this figure has been calculated. IDMC considers this the best available estimate due to a general lack of reporting on displacement data in Congo.

Significant changes from last year

A small change of 445 people was recorded from GRID 2018, when the stock figure was about 108,000 (rounded). It is unclear what contributed to this difference.

CONFIDENCE ASSESSMENT

The Confidence Assessment provides an at-a-glance overview of the comprehensiveness of the data available regarding displacement associated with conflict for each country. It describes the methodologies used, frequency of reporting, data disaggregation and geographical coverage. Here two key metrics are analysed: the new displacements and the total number of IDPs.

Displacement metric	Total number of IDPs
Reporting units	People
Methodology	Unknown
Geographical disaggregation	Country/territory - admin 0
Geographical coverage	Unknown
Frequency of reporting	Unknown
Disaggregation on sex	No
Disaggregation on age	No
Data triangulation	No triangulation
Data on settlement elsewhere	No
Data on returns	No
Data on local integration	No
Data on cross border movements	No
Data on deaths	No
Data on births	No

For any additional questions please email: data@idmc.ch

For the full country profile on Congo please visit:

<http://www.internal-displacement.org/countries/congo>

¹ Reuters, [Congo Republic signs peace accord with 'Ninja' rebels](#), 23 December 2017